

TODAY'S PRICES

Bar silver (Handy & Harmon quotation) 54 1/2. Copper, 11 1/2. Grains. Higher—Lard, steady. Mexican bank notes, 11 1/2. Mexican pesos, 25. Chihuahua currency, 11 1/2. Currencies, 11 1/2. Stocks, lower.

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El Paso, fair; New Mexico, fair, warm; Arizona, fair, warmer; West Texas, fair.

WEEKLY NATIONAL PALACE

2000 TRY TO FREE CAPTIVE PRIESTS

NEW FLEET OF MESSENGER SHIPS

England Adds Wool and Copper to the List of Absolute Contraband.

BRITISH TROOPS AGAIN ADVANCE

Heavy Fighting At Neve Chapelle and in Eastern Zone Reported.

LONDON, Eng., March 12.—It is learned through diplomatic sources in London that the Russian Black sea fleet is expected to start bombardment of the Bosphorus today in active cooperation with the allied fleet which is attempting to force its way to Constantinople through the Dardanelles from the south.

The Russian fleet was a few days ago reported on its way toward the Bosphorus. It had then just passed Narvik. No statement has been made public regarding the present strength of the fleet. The Bosphorus, the Black sea gateway to Constantinople.

Contraband List Grows.

The British government, it was announced today, has added the following articles to the absolute contraband list: Wool, woolen and worsted yarns, wool tops and rolls, tin, chloride of tin, tin, motor oil, paraffin wax, copper, tallow, lubricants, hides and all kinds of leather suitable for military equipment, ammonia and its salts, eura, aniline and its compounds.

British Capture Villages.

The following report concerning the operations of the British forces on the western battle front was given out today by the official information bureau:

"During the night of March 11-12 and in the early morning, several counterattacks were easily repulsed by the fourth corps and the Indian corps, with heavy losses to the enemy. Sixty prisoners were captured in a night attack and also the village of Le Pinette was captured by the third corps with slight loss."

"Mist and fog now prevail and hinder operations."

Ships Fire on Western Front.

The general staff of the German army today gave out at Berlin a report on the progress of the war, which says:

"In the western arena: Two battalions of the enemy, accompanied by two torpedo boats, fired on Western front on the Belgian coast to the north of Newport, Thursday. Seventy shots were fired without success. The enemy's batteries became active, the warships of the enemy retreated."

British Are Repulsed.

"The British, who have occupied Neve Chapelle, advanced several times Thursday night to the eastward but were repulsed. Also to the north of Neve Chapelle minor British attacks were repulsed. The fighting in this district still continues."

Russians Saved By Retreat.

"In the eastern arena: To the north of the forest of Agutova we vanquished a force of Russians which evaded complete capture by Western front in the direction of Grodno. We took more than 4000 prisoners, including two commanders of regiments and we captured three cannons and ten machine guns. Furthermore, from the Augustovo district, the Russians began a retreat in the direction of Grodno."

"At a point northwest of Ostroslensk, during an attack, we captured three Russian officers and two men. To the north and northwest of Przenyazh the German attacks have made progress. In this district we took over 2500 prisoners Thursday."

11,400 Russians Captured.

"Near Przenyazh, German troops, after giving way for a short time, again four kilometers (2 1/2 miles) north of that town. Since relinquishing Przenyazh the Germans have taken prisoners a total of 11,400 Russians on battle fields between the Vistula and the Orzye rivers."

Belgians Gain Ground.

"The official statement issued this afternoon at Paris by the French war department says:

"In Belgium two divisions of the Belgian army advanced between 400 and 500 meters, notably in the direction of Schoorlacks, to the southeast of Neuport."

EXPANSION OF JAPAN DOES NOT WORRY BRITAIN

LONDON, Eng., March 12.—The British government has no objection to Japan's expansion in China, so long as Great Britain's interests are not adversely affected. This was stated in parliament Thursday by Neil Primrose, under secretary for foreign affairs, in reply to a question in the house of commons regarding the Japanese demands.

SOLD PREPARATION TO AID FRENCHMEN TO DODGE DUTY

PARIS, France, March 12.—Jean Roux, a Frenchman, has been arrested and held without bail on a charge of swindling for selling for \$5 a preparation which he assured malingerers would result in their being invalided out of military service by the army doctors.

CRUCES PROBE REPORT IS MADE

Committee Censures Gov. McDonald For Failure to Stop "Exploitation."

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

Santa Fe, N. M., March 12.—The report of the legislative joint committee which investigated the causes of the failure of the insolvent First State bank of Las Cruces, and the relations toward the A. & M. college, the governor and the traveling auditor, was submitted to the legislature by the chairman, representative Blood, of San Miguel county.

The report severely censured the governor and the auditor for the alleged negligence in not taking steps to stop the alleged exploitation and final winding up of the bank by its president, T. R. H. Smith, setting forth that by reason of this negligence the \$75,000 of state college funds are jeopardized by a lawsuit.

It is declared that state Democratic chairman and former auditor and former treasurer M. O. Llewellyn, of the college, made the bank the controlling factor in the last Democratic state campaign and that the college funds were used to bolster up the institution, largely through the actions of Llewellyn, and the former registrar of the college.

Ladd Is Criticized.

Unsatisfactory conditions in the A. & M. college are alleged and the president, Dr. George E. Ladd, is criticized in the report.

The president of the school apparently has no conception of his duties as president and no conception of the purposes of the school, says the report. "A feeling of unrest and dissatisfaction pervades the entire faculty. The president of the school seems powerless to rectify the existing conditions and the board of regents have done nothing whatever to bring about a better condition of affairs."

Depositors Left Impoverished.

The report says:

"By the course pursued by the government in the case of the bank, no further attention to it, said T. R. H. Smith was permitted to indulge further in his system of exploitation. His appropriation of the college funds to more than \$20,000 in January, 1914, to more than \$30,000 when the bank was closed on Jan. 1914, or had it been compelled to be placed in a sound condition, the said college fund would now be intact. By abandoning all supervision of the bank, they thereby considered the college funds to the uncertainty of a lawsuit, abandoned the individual depositors to the tender mercies of the law, and jeopardized the lifetime earnings of many persons."

THAN DEFENCE RESTS ITS CASE

Now York, March 12.—The defence in the trial of Harry A. Thaw for conspiracy in escaping from Matteawan asylum, rested its case after calling several character witnesses for Roger Thompson.

Thompson, the stand for cross examination when the session opened. He said he did not remember who first advised him he could leave Matteawan because he was sane. As to who advised him that he would be breaking no law he believed justice Morchuch of Westchester county had so advised his counsel.

"Where did you pay Butler for his services?"

"In Manchester, N. H.," replied Thaw, who added that the \$2000 was paid in cash.

"You told your counsel you believed you were insane. Do you believe you ever were insane?"

"That's a matter the district attorney of the county and all others have answered."

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GERMAN CAPTAIN REPLES TO U. S.

His Report on the Sinking of American Ship Is Confined to Bare Essentials.

Newport News, Va., March 12.—Capt. Thierhohn of the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich has estimated in his communication to the Washington government that it will require about three weeks to repair his ship. The estimate was made after shipyard officials here had made a preliminary examination.

Naval constructors will be assigned to look over the Eitel Friedrich and make their estimate of the length of time the ship should be under repairs.

Captain Makes Brief Report.

The statement on the sinking of the Wm. P. Frye, which the commander of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich has made to collector Hamilton is understood to be a very brief document, giving little more than a statement of the length of time the ship should be under repairs.

Germany May Make Amends.

Unless the German government voluntarily offers to make restitution for the destruction of the American ship, and expresses regret for the occurrence, strong protest will be made by the United States with a request for reparation.

Probably no announcements concerning the case will be made, it was said by high officials, until an investigation of all the facts has been completed.

Officials were unanimous in their opinion—and it was shared largely by diplomats—that the commander of the Prinz Eitel had no right to send the Frye to the bottom. It was considered probable by officials that the German government would admit the error of the naval commander and agree to make the usual reparation. Some officials thought sufficient amends, after the payment of damages, would be the court martialing of the German officer.

Crews of sunken steamers were liberated by the Prinz Eitel late Thursday. The American crew of the William P. Frye was first to be set free.

JAPAN MODIFIES DEMANDS FOR CHINESE CONCESSIONS

Peking, China, March 12.—Japan has definitely modified her attitude toward China in the matter of insisting upon compliance with the demands she made upon the Chinese republic shortly after the occupation by Japan of the German concession of Kiaochow. These demands for some two months have been the subject of negotiations at Peking.

JAPAN SENDS TROOPS TO ENFORCE DEMANDS

Yokohama, Japan, March 12.—Japanese troops have been sent to Manchuria and northern China for the purpose, it is believed, of enforcing the demands which Japan is making upon China in the matter of concessions. The newspapers express the belief that the movement is in preparation for eventualities in case China should decline to yield.

AUSTRALIA WILL TAKE OVER ALL WOOLLEN MILLS

London, March 12.—The Australian government has arranged to take over the control of all woolen mills in the islands for the manufacture of woolen goods.

It will pay you—invest

(BY H. D. S.)

his orchestras in New York and Chicago up to the highest pitch of professional perfection. He was a thorough musician, in the minutest detail. He held to highest ideals in musical selection and interpretation. Yet, while the "intellectual" gave him place among the immortals, and followed his guidance in musical matters, the masses worshipped him, the masses of the people loved him, and it was to the masses of the people that Theodore Thomas dedicated his service first of all.

In a lifetime of musical leadership, Thomas never departed from his cardinal principle: that music is music, that real music is permanent and universal, that the masses of the people will appreciate and prefer real music if they can get it, and that preference for anything less than real music is due to perverted taste, and chiefly to lack of opportunity and contact with the best. His concerts were thronged by the working people, tens of thousands of whom were his devotees. Yet he made it a rule never to play a piece that was less than one year old, and never to play a piece that did not conform to high musical standards of technique and originality of thought.

A child of five will prefer Beethoven to trash, if Beethoven can be presented to his immature mind before it is cluttered with weeds; he will prefer Beethoven to trash all his life if he has had a chance, and for the same reason that a normal person prefers a beautiful woodland scene enlivened by birdsong, to a back alley decorated with ash piles and made vocal by the shout of the garbage man.

The best music is the most popular music always. It lasts forever, and that is the supreme test. Edward Rowland Hill, the poet, when he had been suffering from chronic illness, wrote to a friend: "The doctor prescribed pills: I fed them to the parrot, took a rigid regime of Beethoven symphonies and Wagner opera, and felt like a new man." The inspiration that will come to El Paso and all the southwest from such a concert as that which is promised to us by the Metropolitan Opera House orchestra is worth, in money, many times its cost.

Every good project will gain from it. Men will be touched to greater generosity, inspired to greater service and more determined endeavor.

The weak will be made stronger, the ill will be made well, the timid will be made courageous, and there will be such enrichment of experience as money can seldom buy, and as nothing can displace or expunge.

For a few dollars, any El Pasoan can get a new grasp on life and happiness and health, and new courage for his work, whatever that may be. It pays. Invest now.

Wife Of World's Richest Man Dies

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MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REFUSE TO GO TO WAR

Geneva, Switzerland, March 12.—On the ground that their services in the Austro-Hungarian parliament will be more valuable to their country than if they were on the field of battle, the Czech deputies, affected by the order calling out reservists between the ages of 37 and 45 years, have refused to join the colors.

They are supported by the people and if force is attempted it is believed that serious riots will follow. The deputies have appealed to count Thun, the Hungarian minister, to arrange matters.

ITALY IS NOT SEEKING TERRITORY OF AUSTRIA

Rome, Italy, March 12.—While army preparations for contingencies are being rushed with utmost vigor, the Italian government is apparently anxious to convey the information that it has not sought any territorial compensation from Austria.

The conversation Wednesday between prince von Ruoff, the German ambassador, and premier Salandra had to do with the negotiations, as likewise did a conference Thursday between Sir J. Rennell Rodd, the British ambassador, and baron Sonnino, the Italian foreign minister.

POSTMASTER PADILLA HURT

Steppes, N. M., March 12.—Joe R. Padilla, postmaster here, was seriously injured recently when he fell from the roof of the postoffice building. The heavy snow was weighing down the roof and he went onto it to shovel off the snow. He slipped and fell and was seriously injured internally.

Child Labor Bill Passes.

By a vote of 72 to 48, the house passed the child labor bill. An amendment by Sullivan, exempting counties under 10,000 population, was adopted. Two or three minor amendments were also adopted.

The text book bill is under consideration. It is a bill for the purpose of providing that the text books used in the schools of Texas shall be selected by a committee of the state board of education.

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Hudspeth's bill giving the state superintendent of masonry supervision of all plans and construction of public buildings, whether state, municipal or county, was passed.

Senator Beck's bill, providing for the election of county school superintendents by the county school trustees was engrossed by the house, the vote being 32 to 27.

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The house has passed finally Hudspeth's bill appropriating \$12,000 for the sanitary livestock commission to use in keeping the foot and mouth disease out of Texas.

House Refused to Concur in the house amendment to the 54 hour law for female employees and asked for a conference committee. The request was granted and the following committee was named: On the part of the senate, Messrs. McClellan, McClellan, and McClellan; on the part of the house, Messrs. McClellan, McClellan, and McClellan.

JUDGE IS APPOINTED FOR NEW 79TH DISTRICT COURT

Austin, Texas, March 12.—Governor Ferguson today announced the appointment of V. W. Taylor, of Alton, to be judge of the new 79th judicial district court, created at the present session of the legislature. Judge Taylor is 28 years of age. The district is composed of Starr, Hidalgo, Brooks, Jim Hogg, Duval and Jim Wells counties.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION PLANNED

Ferguson Signs Resolution to Increase the Supreme Court Justices.

SUBSTITUTE PIPE LINE BILL KILLED

Uniform Child Labor Bill Is Passed By the Texas House.

AUSTIN, Texas, March 12.—The senate joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution to provide for a supreme court to consist of a chief justice and four associate justices, instead of two as at present, was signed today by the governor. The election on this question will be held on the fourth Saturday in July, 1917.

The governor has also approved the house bill which provides for a bounty of \$2 on each wolf, \$1 on wild cats and five cents on each jack rabbit, and which carries an appropriation of \$100,000. He also signed these bills: Amending the law regulating sales under direct contracts, and an act amending the law relating to district judges exchanging districts.

Pipe Line Bill Killed.

Rather unexpectedly, the substitute bill regulating pipe lines, which had been under consideration since yesterday afternoon in the senate, received the death blow shortly after noon today. This was brought about by a written motion introduced by Senator Beck, signed by 15 other senators, postponing further consideration of the bill until March 13, the day before final adjournment, and when bills cannot be considered. The Robinson motion was defeated by a vote of 14 to 12 with two pairs.

Campbell to Address Senate.

Senator Townsend introduced a resolution inviting former governor Campbell to address the senate and to give him the privileges of the floor, this being adopted.

The senate committee on penitentiaries reported favorably the house penalty bill after an amendment was adopted providing that when convicts are leased they shall receive the same treatment given them when under the direct control of the penitentiaries.

The house passed finally today McNeill's bill authorizing re-employment of ex-convicts, and subjecting them to restrictions and conditions, to do business in Texas.

Beard, of Harris, introduced a resolution providing that the house not consider any bills or resolutions after they have been read a third time. His purpose in introducing the resolution was to defeat woman's suffrage, but the resolution was ruled out of order by speakers.

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Chief of Police Is Stabbed, Assassins Killed; Many Injured in Riot.

AMERICAN SLAIN UNDER U. S. FLAG

U. S. Demands Reparation For Killing of McManus By Zapatistas.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., March 12.—Two thousand Mexicans stormed the national palace at Mexico City Thursday in an effort to release 250 Catholic priests imprisoned there, according to advices received here today. A riot followed. A Bertrand, chief of police of the capital, was stabbed, two Mexican assassins who attacked him were killed, and a large number of persons injured.

The rioting, covering information from Veracruz by Antonio Villaverde, Carranza's representative, at Villa headquarters it was said, a similar riot had come from Galveston.

The rioting, it was stated, had its beginning in a demonstration in front of Corpus Christi church on the Alameda of Mexico City. Just across the street from the national palace. Orators on the steps were urging a throng of excited people to rush upon the national palace when the police chief with a platoon of officers advanced.

Shouts of "Viva Huerta" greeted the officers as they flashed. A moment later Bertrand fell with a wound above his hip. He drew a revolver and killed the man who stabbed him. Then another attack followed and the blade sank into the prostate chief's body from the side. A shot fired by a policeman killed the second assassin.

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